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10 November 1966

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(ROS CSFOR-65)

TO:
Commanding Officer
68th Medical Group
APO 96491

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SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. During the report period the following changes in assigned units occurred:

a. Units newly assigned:

(1) 439th Medical Detachment (RB) - effective 7 September 1966,
authority, GO 27, Hq, 68th Med Gp.

(2) 584th Medical Company (Amb) - effective 15 October 1966,
authority, GO 29, Hq, 68th Med Gp.

b. Present assigned units:

- (1) 50th Medical Company (Clr)
- (2) 439th Medical Detachment (RB)
- (3) 561st Medical Company (Amb)
- (4) 584th Medical Company (Amb)
- (5) 616th Medical Company (Clr)

2. 50th Medical Company (Clearing).

a. The 50th Medical Company (Clr) moved from the Long Binh staging area to its new facilities in area Echo - 1, Long Binh during the week of 26 September 1966. The unit has been engaged in facilities construction during the entire 92 day reporting period. Facilities completed at this time, 12 quonset huts and 18 temporary tent frames. Unit has completed mess facilities which went into operation on 28 September 1966.

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b. Unit will become operational on 1 November 1966.

c. 1 Ward, for care of detainee patients, became operational on
24 October 1966.

d. 50th Medical Company (Clr) will support the 24th Evacuation Hospital when both units become operational. 2 platoons are prepared to move within 72 hours in support of contingency plans.

e. The unit was commanded by MAJ Thomas J. Rainville, MC during the entire report period.

3. 439th Medical Detachment (RB).

a. The 439th Medical Detachment (RB) is an ambulance detachment with authority for 0 officer, 1 NCO, and 13 enlisted men. Primary equipment consists of 3-44 passenger buses which gives the unit a single load capability of 132 ambulatory or 54 litter patients or basically any combination of both.

b. The unit, organized under TOE 8-500D by GO 95, HQ, 6th US Army dated 6 May 1966, at Ft Lewis, Washington, arrived on 1 September 1966 and was attached to the 561st Medical Company (Amb) for quarters, rations, administration, and military justice. Personnel were utilized to aid the 561st Medical Company (Amb) in the construction of new unit facilities until the arrival of its equipment on 10 October 1966. Equipment maintenance and refresher training of drivers was conducted until 24 October 1966 when the unit became operational.

c. The 439th Medical Detachment (RB) was reattached to 58th Medical Battalion for command and control and attached to 561st Medical Company for rations and quarters on 26 October 1966.

4. 561st Medical Company (Ambulance)

a. The 561st Medical Company (Amb) continued its ground ambulance evacuation support of War Tactical Zones III and IV. During the 92 day reporting period the unit traveled approximately 31,000 miles and transported over 6628 patients between in-country medical facilities.

b. During this period the unit constructed new facilities by self help to include 10 billets, mess facilities, 2 administrative buildings and officers and NCO quarters. To be completed are latrines, showers and a day room. Additionally 4 building were constructed to house the 584th Medical Company (Ambulance) during their staging phase.

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c. The 561st Medical Company (Amb) is serving as host to the 584th Medical Company (Amb) which arrived on 15 October 1966.

d. CPT William J. B. Ross Jr, MSC commanded the company until 26 October at which time CPT Robert H. Roles, MSC assumed command.

5. 584th Medical Company (Amb)

a. The 584th Medical Company (Amb) departed Ft Bragg, North Carolina 12 September 1966 and embarked from Norfolk, Virginia the same day on the MSTS Maurice Rose. The advance party departed on 17 September and arrived at Ton Son Nhut AFB on 22 September. The main body arrived at Vung Tau on 15 October 1966.

b. The unit is presently staging in Long Binh adjacent to the 561st Medical Company (Amb). Construction on unit facilities is underway and major construction should be completed by 30 November.

c. 1LT Robert C. Paxton, MSC is the present Commanding Officer, having assumed command on 15 July 1966.

6. 616th Medical Company (Clr)

a. The 616th Medical Company (Clr) continued its support of the 93rd Evacuation Hospital during the 92 day report period.

b. This unit has discontinued furnishing area medical care and now has the mission of providing medical care to patients whose expected hospitalization does not exceed 7 days. Additionally, boarder patients from the 93rd Evacuation Hospital are quartered when beds in that facility become overcrowded.

c. During this period the 616th Medical Company (Clr) has been engaged in self help construction of more permanent facilities. When completed an 80 bed capacity will be available with 160 beds during emergency conditions.

d. 1 platoon is available on 24 hrs notice in support of contingency plans.

e. CPT David Pawliger, MC commanded the unit until 26 October 1966 at which time CPT Llewellyn Phillips II, MC assumed command.

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7. HQ & HQ Detachment, 56th Medical Battalion.

a. This unit continued its mission of command, control, and planning to include supply and organizational maintenance support for its assigned units.

b. MAJ Paul H. Wengrovitz, MC commanded the battalion until 26 September at which time LTC Jose R. Salcedo, MC assumed command.

SECTION II

OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

ITEM: Urinal facilities are inadequate.

DISCUSSION: The current practice of placing shell casing or pipe into a gravel or can filled pit for a urinal is completely unsatisfactory. Such facilities collect insects and give off a continual offensive odor. The use of crushed cans for filler is such a sump is likewise unsatisfactory as urine collects within the cans and the odor is distinguishable a considerable distance away.

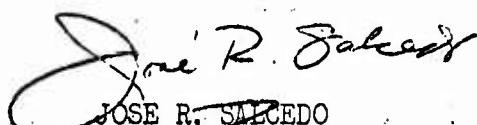
OBSERVATION: The "Urinoil", a urinal designed to keep urine from coming into contact with air, be utilized for all such facilities. It has no odor is easily constructed from locally available procured and salvage parts and precludes the influx of insects. (see Incl 1) It, or any urinal, must be well set in coarse gravel in order to assure good drainage.

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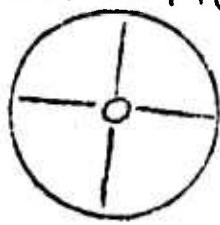
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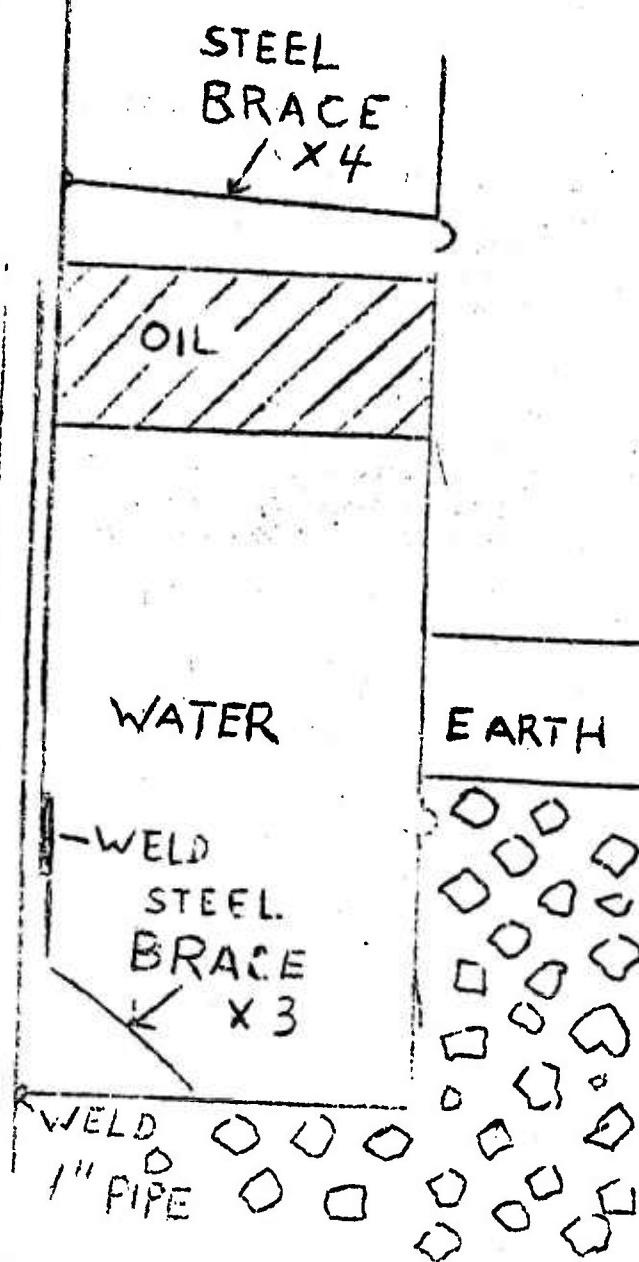
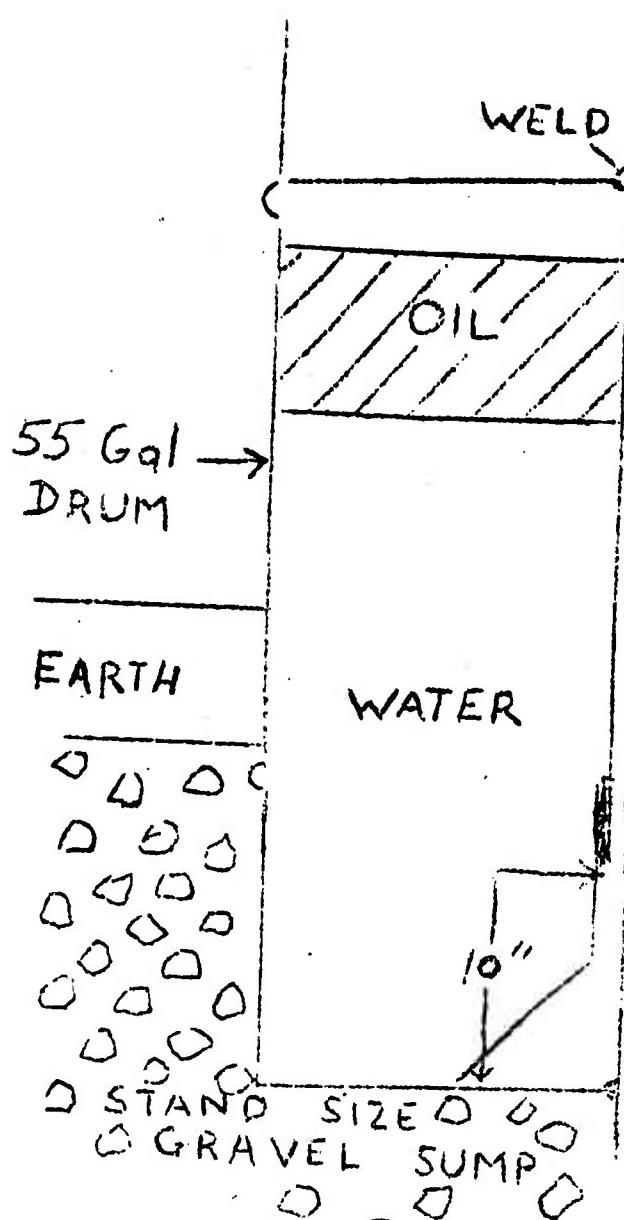

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HEADQUARTERS, 68th Medical Group, APO 96491 15 November 1966

TO: Commanding Officer, 44th Medical Brigade, APO 96307

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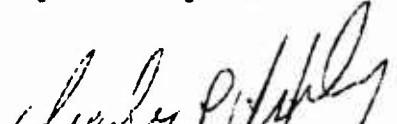
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CHARLES C. PIXLEY
Colonel, Medical Corps
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 44th Medical Brigade, APO 96307, 25 November 1966

TO: Commanding Officer, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AVCA-GO-0, APO 96307

Concur with comments contained in basic report and 1st Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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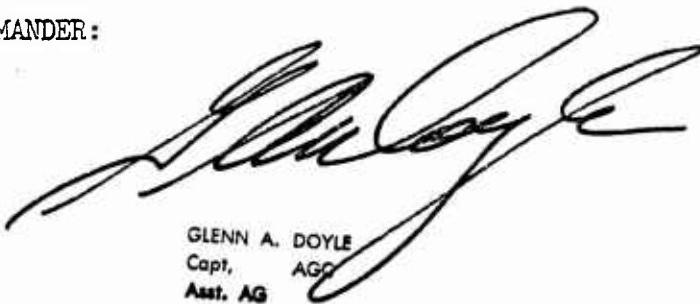
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TO: Deputy Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DH, APO 96307

1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 58th Medical Battalion for the quarter ending 31 October 1966 is forwarded herewith.

2. Concur with the basic report as modified by the preceding endorsements. The report is considered adequate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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GLENN A. DOYLE
Capt., AGO
Asst. AG

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4th Ind

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 15 DEC '66

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Headquarters, 58th Medical Battalion as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments are as follows. The design for an adequate urinal is being incorporated in a publication by this headquarters entitled Field Sanitary Devices.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



W. R. AUTRY

1st Lt, AGC

Asst Adjutant General

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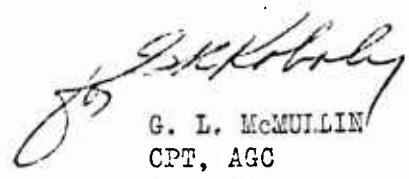
HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 4 FEB 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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